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What comes to mind when you think of Thanksgiving? For me, it’s the show Pur, family food and football. And, probably the most important part of any Thanksgiving meal, dressing your hair and makeup to get to the holiday dinner table half-fasted in the living room watching three-hour long football games. This, of course, is a tradition that I love this holiday.

But what if I told you that you have to answer various questions from extended relatives about where I’m going with my life, even though you’re sitting at the dinner table in your pajama pants? That’s right! It’s that time of the year again.

In her article on WebMD, Alison* describes the evolution of Thanksgiving, Elizabeth Pleck describes the evolution of Thanksgiving as an American holiday that started with the upper and middle classes and grew throughout the nation.

She discusses how the domestic traditions exemplified by the Puritans were carried on by the "affluent "family" in our modern day society. She states that in 1950s, "Our family has changed, but not in any major way."

In both our families, we are required to be present in person to celebrate what is a family holiday. In the past, during times of war and times of peace, it is common to see members of extended family attending these traditional gatherings.

Because I enjoy the company of strong-willed people and I love the fact that you can’t always drive them out of the dinner table, I am sure they are having debates and vigorous arguments erupting if my two families all gathered for dinner.

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